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* 1106 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : }
SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to enhance the grant given to the Corporation for the maintenance of City roads;

(b) whether the Corporation has been asking for Government's help for the improvement of the City roads; and

(c) if so, the financial help rendered by the Government for the last three years to the Corporation for the improvement of City roads?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The Government paid the usual annual grant of Rs. 5.41 lakhs to the Corporation for the maintenance of roads during the past three years. The following additional loans and grants have been specially sanctioned to the Corporation for repairs and improvements to specified roads :—

Year.	Loan.	Grant,
	RS.	RS.
1957-58 ..	Nil.	4,000/-
1958-59 ..	50,000/- (for improvement to roads in extended area).	50,000/- (Repairs to roads damaged by rain and flood).
1959-60 ..	1,00,000/-	1,00,000/-

9 a.m. SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know whether any time-limit has been fixed for the repair of roads in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I cannot exactly say that now, because I have not got the information.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : What steps have been taken to repair the interior roads in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government give only assistance. It is only the Corporation and the Transport Authority which have to consider, on what roads repair has to be done.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Are the Government aware of the propaganda carried on by the party in power in the Corporation that the Government are very niggardly in sanctioning grants or loans to them and that they are partisan in their outlook and that is the reason for their failure to maintain the roads in a proper condition?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : So far as the Government are concerned, they are not very much worried about the propaganda carried on by others. But whenever the Government think that roads are bad and the Corporation needs help, they make a special contribution by giving them grants or loans.

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SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY: May I know the reason why Rs. 15 lakhs by way of grant and Rs. 15 lakhs by way of loan were given this year when Rs. 1,50,000 alone were given in the previous year?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Because the Government considered that there was greater necessity this year.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Since the Poonamallee High Road and the Mount Road come under the National Highways, may I know whether this Government have approached the Union Government for any specific grant or subsidy for the repair of these two roads?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: As I have stated wherever the roads are bad, the Corporation are repairing them. As regards the roads mentioned by the hon. Member coming under National Highways, all the roads in the Madras City are maintained by the Corporation and I expect that the Corporation will look after them.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Apart from these two main roads, what are the roads for which repairs are immediately needed and for which the Corporation has made a request to the Government for loan or grant? Did they include the Arcot Road in Kodambakkam in that list?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: I want a separate question.

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: கொடுத்த உதவித் தொகைகளை கார்ப்பரேஷனினால் பல இனங்களில் செலவழிக்க முடியவில்லை என்று கூறப்படுகிறது. எதை எதை செலவழித்திருக்கிறார்கள், எதை எதை செலவழிக்காமல் தொகைகளை அப்படியே விட்டு விட்டார்கள்?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: அதில் ஒரு தகராறோ அல்லது புகாரோ வரவில்லை. செலவழிக்கப்படவில்லை என்றில்லை. இன்னும் அதிகப்படியான நிதி வேண்டுமென்றுதான் அவர்கள் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

Hindi (compulsory subject)

* 1107 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI): கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க் கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் தேர்ச்சிக்கு எந்த ஆண்டு முதல் "ஹிந்தியும்" ஒரு கட்டாயப்பாடம் என்று உத்தர விடப்பட்டுள்ளது?

(இ) என்ன காரணத்தினால்?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) Hindi is not taught as a compulsory subject in Secondary Schools.